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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 1, characterized in that the probiotic microorganisms are lactobacilli, bifidus bacteris, or streptococci, preferably *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, and/or *Lactobacillus plantarum*.
4. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 1, characterized in that it contains from 10^3 to 10^{12} , preferably from 10^5 to 10^{11} , more preferably from 10^7 to 10^{10} probiotic microorganisms.
5. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 1, characterized in that the enteric coating essentially consists of shellac or of shellac and polyvinylpyrrolidone.